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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MICHAEL HOUGHTON et al.

Serial No.: 08/441,443

Group Art Unit: 1815

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Examiner: M. Zeman

For: NANBV DIAGNOSTICS AND VACCINES

AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 18, 1997 in the
subject application with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 18,
1998. Accordingly, a petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee is
submitted herewith, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(c) and 1.136.

Reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following amendments and
remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments

Please amend claims 40-48 as follows:

Claim 40. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a hepatitis C virus
(HCV) antisense polynucleotide capable of specifically hybridizing to the sense strand of the
genome of an HCV [or its complement], wherein the polynucleotide comprises a contiguous
sequence of at least 8 nucleotides complementary to the sense strand of the genome of an
HCV [or its complement], and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

In claim 41, line 1, please replace "antisense polynucleotide" with the phrase
-pharmaceutical composition--.

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